



Notice of Proposed Action - Opportunity to Comment Mendocino National Forest Service, Upper Lake Ranger District Upper Lake, California North Shore Restoration Project The Upper Lake Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed North Shore Restoration Project, in collaboration with FireScape Mendocino, the Forest Service Regional Ecology program, and the Pacific Northwest Research Station. The proposed project area was burned in the Ranch Fire in 2018, and is in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of the communities on the north and east shores of Clear Lake, as well as within the boundary of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. The planning team will present the North Shore Restoration Project Draft Proposed Action and take questions and comments during a Public Open House held in Upper Lake on May 9, 2019. A press release with specific time and date will be released at a later date. A draft EA is expected to be released for public review sometime July of 2019. In order to facilitate timely project implementation, the Forest is considering requesting an Emergency Situation Determination (ESD) pursuant to 36CFR218.21 (78Federal Register 59, March 27 2013). Information about the ESD, project area, purpose and need, and proposed action can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55716>. How to Comment and Timeframe: The Forest Service is currently seeking comments from interested persons, state and local governments, Tribes, and other organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed management activities. The public is encouraged to take part in the environmental analysis process for the North Shore Restoration Project by submitting comments. In order for your comments to be incorporated most effectively, we would appreciate receiving them by May 14, 2019. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), Word (.doc) or pdf to: comments-pacificsouthwest-mendocino-upperlake@fs.fed.us. Written comments should be mailed to the Upper Lake Ranger District, ATTN: North Shore Restoration Project, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485; Written or verbal comments can also be delivered between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday at the Upper Lake District office, located at 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485 Fax: 707-275-0676. If you would like additional information regarding this project, please contact Gary Urdahl at gurdahl@fs.fed.us or (707) 275-1417. 4/15/2019

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